Workshop for the Notice of Inquiry Regarding a Rulemaking for Developing and Implementing Energy Efficiency Programs Docket No. 06-004-R

Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Auditorium 2301 So. University, Little Rock, Arkansas February 21, 2006 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

8:30 – 8:45 am Welcome and General Overview by Chairman Sandy Hochstetter

8:45 – 10:15 am First Session: Why Energy Efficiency is Important

The purpose of this session is to explore why it is a good idea to increase use of cost effective energy efficiency in both the electric and natural gas sectors. Issues to discuss include high prices, reliability concerns, economic effects, environmental benefits, and deferred investment in incremental utility infrastructure.

Opening Remarks and Moderator: Stacy Angel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Speakers: Bill Prindle, Deputy Director, American Council for an Energy-Efficient

Economy

Rich Sedano, Director, The Regulatory Assistance Project

William B. Marcus, Principal Economist, JBS Energy, Inc.

10:15 – 10:30 am *Break*

10:30 am – Noon *Second Session: Energy Efficiency Success in Other States* The purpose of this session is to identify and discuss energy efficiency success stories in other states, discuss "lessons learned," and explore potential applicability to Arkansas.

Moderator: Rich Sedano, Director, The Regulatory Assistance Project

Speakers: Susan Nathan, Kansas City Power and Light

Angie Kline, Centerpoint Energy Minnegasco

Bob Balzar, Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific

Noon – 1:15 pm *Lunch on your own*

1:15 – 2:30 pm *Third Session: Regulatory Issues*

The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of regulatory issues related to utility implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs.

Moderator: Rich Sedano, Director, The Regulatory Assistance Project

Speakers: Michael Dworkin, Director of the Vermont Institute for Energy and the

Environment and former Chair of Vermont Public Service Board

Jess Totten, Director, Electric Division, Texas Public Utility Commission

Miles Keogh, Director of Grants and Research, National Association of

Regulatory Utility Commissioners

2:30 – 2:45 pm *Break*

2:45 – 3:45 pm Fourth Session: Stakeholder Discussion and Feedback

The purpose of this session is to provide a forum for stakeholders to share their thoughts and reactions to the issues raised in the NOI and during the day's meeting.

Facilitator: Chairman Sandy Hochstetter, Arkansas Public Service Commission

3:45 - 4:00 pm *Break*

4:00 - 4:30 pm Wrap-up and Suggested Action Steps

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